

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 through 10 are pending, with Claims 1 and 10 being independent.

Claims 1, 6 through 8, and 10 have been amended.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and Supervisory Patent Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on August 22, 2007, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiners discussed the outstanding rejections, which are respectfully traversed. Applicant gratefully understands that the Examiners are in tentative agreement that the rejections are overcome. And Claims 1 and 10 have been amended along the lines discussed with the Examiner at the interview. While not discussed at the interview, Claims 6 through 8 have also been amended. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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